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A View from the Bridge

By RADM John N. Faigle



Chief, Office of Readiness & Reserve

n October's Reservist, I discussed with you the vision of our future. If we are to realize that vision, we must now decide exactly where the Coast Guard Reserve ought to be going, and determine the best way of obtaining our objective.

Over the past several months, the Office of Readiness and Reserve has focused on this complex issue. The first tangible result of our efforts was a proposal to update the mission statement for our program — to make it more reflective of the broader range of challenges and opportunities facing the Coast Guard Reserve today.

Although a mission statement may seem little more than words on a piece of paper, it is in fact a statement of

the target toward which all our efforts should be aimed. The 38 words in our newly-proposed statement (see box at center of this page) effectively express what we must become if we are to meet the full spectrum of responsibilities which are before us today.

If our mission statement expresses direction and destination, then our means of getting there must be articulated in

specific initiatives and projects. An important first step is to re-examine the very assumptions which form the foundation for the Coast Guard Reserve.

A joint Readiness — Reserve initiative is now on-going to review the underlying basis on which the size, structure, and composition of the Coast Guard Reserve is predicated. Throughout the Cold War era, we have focused all our planning on mobilization for a single, major war. However, we are now entering an era in which our thinking and planning must be multi-scenario based.

The Coast Guard Reserve must continue its preparations to play a role in a major global conflict, but it needs to be structured so it can respond to the full range of lesser contingencies. Hurricane Hugo, the San Francisco earthquake, Exxon Valdez, and the Middle East conflict provide ample evidence of this need for programmatic flexibility. I consider this re-examination of our reason for being of critical importance. Any progressive organization must continually analyze and reevaluate its objectives and

the manner utilized to achieve its goals. I am proud to say that we have aggressively taken the initiative to begin this review.

We are also taking a fresh look at our highly successful augmentation training program, now entering its third decade. Under an initiative we are calling OATS (Operational Augmentation Training and Support), we hope to distinguish

between augmentation activities undertaken primarily for their training value, and augmentation performed principally to support active service missions.

Soon we will be defining a "basic" level of qualification for each mobilization assignment. Reservists who have not yet reached that basic level of readiness will augment primarily for training. Once a reservist is basically qualified, the focus of his or her augmentation activity will shift to support of an active service mission.

Support augmentation will be a clear form of payback to active service units for their investment in Reserve training, and will also directly benefit the public we serve.

Our Reserve officers and senior enlisted members have long been denied full participation in training opportunities by the excessive burden of Reserve unit administration. This is a problem which has plagued our program since its inception — and I am determined to do something about it.

Early in 1991, we plan to establish in the San Francisco Bay area, a pilot Reserve Management Support Activity (RMSA). This full-time staff's only responsibility will be to

provide administrative and other support to several Reserve units in the area. If this initial RMSA proves successful, our goal is to establish a network of such units servicewide.

The jobs to be assigned to these RMSAs, and the people to do them, are being identified by a review of our current distribution of tasks and resources — including those RT-funded billets now being used as Stationkeepers and located at the various training centers. Over the next two years, we hope to bring about a realignment of administrative functions and billets which will result in far better support for our Reserve units and the reservists assigned to them.

We are also taking a hard look at the geographic distribution of our Reserve units. Our goal is to move in the direction of having the maximum number of our units located near augmentation training opportunities, near their principal mobilization sites, and near adequate

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CG Reserve Mission Statement

"The mission of the Coast Guard Reserve is to provide an organized quick response military force in ratings and skills required by Coast Guard contingency plans to supplement the active force during emergencies or surges in routine operations."

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administrative support. Clearly, units which are so located can be much more effectively trained and administered, and should provide the maximum return on our investment of resources.

Like much of private industry, the Coast Guard is embracing Total Quality Management (TQM) as a way of life in the 1990s. The Executive Steering Council for the Reserve TQM program is investigating how we can most benefit from this approach to doing business. One possibility which has already surfaced is the total transformation of our traditional Reserve District Inspector program into a positive means of identifying, recognizing, and promoting positive change. You'll be hearing more about this later in 1991.

We have a number of initiatives underway which, in my opinion, can benefit the Reserve program in a very practical and qualitative way. As we enter the new year, I want to share these initiatives with you—along with my personal enthusiasm for the future of the Coast Guard Reserve.

On the cover

Members of the Buffalo Bills football team and Coast Guardsmen show off the 30-foot Operation Desert Shield banner that members of the Bills signed to show their support for the Coast Guard men and women serving in the Persian Gulf. Approximately 50 Coast Guard reservist family members were also on hand for the signing. From left to right are: HS1 John Turner, Group Buffalo and USCG/Buffalo Bills project coordinator, LT Michael A. Jett, Director of Auxiliary, Eastern Region, 9th Coast Guard District, Bills wide receiver Andre Reed, quarterback Jim Kelly and right tackle Wil Wofford. For our Desert Shield update, see Page 4. This photo was taken by Charles W. Telesco, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Editor's Turn... Desert Shield Update!

In mid-December, The Reservist received a letter from SS1
William E. Bird of Spencer, Mass. "I enjoy The Reservist very
much as all Coast Guard Reservists do," wrote SS1 Spencer, "but I
would like to see more articles on Operation Desert Shield. I would like to
know more about what our Port Security Units are doing there and what
conditions they have to work with."

Well, we've been doing our best here at *The Reservist*, and include Operation Desert Shield information as soon as we receive it. However, due to the lead time we need to publish, once *The Reservist* gets into our readers' hands, we aren't always as up-to-date as we would like. This is especially true with Operation Desert Shield, where the scenario is changing daily. In October, we ran six pages on the Desert Shield Loadout, and in November, we ran four pages on the PSUs' training prior to deployment.

Now, the next logical question, as SS1 Spencer wrote is: "What are our PSUs doing over there and what conditions are they working under?"

In this issue, we have attempted to answer that question, but must admit that reports from the Middle East have been sketchy due to the classified nature of operations there. PA1 Mike Price, a reservist from Reserve Group Buffalo and PA1 Chuck Kalnbach, a regular with the CG photo team, went to Saudi Arabia in mid-November to document Coast Guard activities. As of press time, we have not received the many photos and numerous video tapes they have produced. We do, however, have some reports which we've passed on to you here. To fill in the gaps, we've included more domestic loadout news, including addresses if you'd like to correspond with Coast Guardsman involved in Desert Shield.

If you're a history buff, you may find the article on the USS Serpens of interest. The Serpens was a Coast Guard-manned cargo ship that sank during January of 1945. We've also reinstated nationwide TEMAC listings on the back page. Finally, don't forget that Feb. 19 marks the beginning of our Golden Anniversary year! — Ed Kruska

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CG Reservists in the Middle East: "We can be very proud"

By CAPT C.C. Fitzgerald, D9(r)

PERSIAN GULF - Port Security Units from Milwaukee, Wis., Buffalo, N.Y. and Cleveland, Ohio are performing their port security functions in conjunction with Navy Mobile Inshore Underwater Warfare Units (MIUWs) in three separate ports in the Persian Gulf.

As of early January 1991, they had intercepted hundreds of boats in these port areas and had seized a small number of those vessels acting on behalf of the host nation. Many vessels have been escorted in and out of the harbors as well.

In addition to their traditional duties, personnel are assigned to barracks watches, as water truck drivers, and as guards on local supply runs. Medical and subsistence personnel serve side-by-side with other Department of Defense personnel in field kitchens/galleys and dispensaries as part of the support for all the forces

assigned to each port area. Security watches are stood at the waterfront and in the compounds by MARSEC personnel.

Living conditions, while sparse, are adequate Coast Guard Reservists are using Raider boats to carry

with barracks out their port security duties in the Persian Gulf. provided in secure compounds. Physical separation of the barracks,

mess hall, and working areas result in a lot of exercise especially walking. Many positive comments have been received from the

DoD commands with whom they are serving as part of the Port Security / Defense Commands regarding the professionalism of PSU operations as well as the abilities and appearance of our Coast Guard men and women.

"Our Service's reputation is being enhanced daily half a globe away," said CAPT C.C. Fitzgerald, Chief of D9 Reserve. "We can be very proud of them."

Cleveland PSU "gets the call"

Information provided by CDR G. Fisk, D9(rs)

CLEVELAND, Ohio - It was the biggest news story to hit Cleveland in quite some time - and the Port Security

Unit from Cleveland was the reason. When the call came Nov. 14, Port Security Unit 302 from Cleveland was ready. They had been standing by for orders to ship out for the Middle East since mid-September when the first PSU from Reserve Group Milwaukee deployed.

This particular unit had more time to get ready," said CDR Gale Fisk of 9th District (rs). They may have had more time, but nevertheless, it was a major media event.

"From Nov. 14 to the 21st, every newspaper, television and radio station [in the Cleveland area] did special updates and segments with constant coverage on TV every single day," said CDR Fisk. "There was a tremendous amount of news coverage, all specifically on the Coast Guard Reserve," added CDR Fisk. With approximately 100

personnel within its ranks, the PSU from Cleveland departed Nov. 21.



CGR makes splash in Persian Gulf region

By Randy Pruitt, Stars & Stripes Reprinted with permission

ON THE COAST OF SAUDI ARABIA - Back in New Berlin, Wis., a four-year-old girl calls Sandy Mitten "Grandma." Today, in the Arabian Gulf, she answers to the same name ... even when she's behind a 50 caliber machine gun.

PS1 Mitten, 49, patrols the shallow blue waters with the Coast Guard Reserve. Port Security Unit 303 made history Sept. 16 when it became the first Coast Guard Reserve unit called up. Two other units have since been deployed.

Without a ripple of fanfare, the Wisconsin Reserve unit has been quietly cruising coastal Saudi Arabia as part of the Security Harbor Defense Command.

Many are unaware of the unit's presence.

"We'll be walking somewhere and they'll say, 'Coast Guard! What are you doing over here?' That happens often," said CDR Tom Johnson.

LCDR Gary Anderson said the crew comes from the Great Lakes region, the 9th Coast Guard District. PSU 303 consists primarily of three units from Milwaukee, Kenosha and Green Bay, Wis. Several crew members are from Chicago, northern Michigan and Indiana.

"We're like a lot of Army commands," Anderson said.

"We'll be walking somewhere and they'll

say, 'Coast Guard! What are you doing

over here?' That happens often."

"It (the unit) doesn't really exist except in time of mobilization and, at that point, it draws from existing Reserve units."

With the threat of war in the Persian Gulf region, the role of the Coast Guard Reserve has changed.

"In peacetime, we're pretty much doing the traditional Coast Guard missions," Anderson said. "We're going out there to save people's lives, to rescue property and protect ports of entry from smuggling or drugs.

"Now, we have switched from that to a defensive role.

We are trying to keep out any type of water-borne aggression, be it swimmers or small boats."

The Port Security Unit concept was developed in 1983 for rapid deployment, said Johnson, a high school government teacher and coach at Beaver Dam, Wis.

Boats conduct around-the-

clock patrols. A Saudi national is aboard to translate and to enforce licensing and fishing regulations. To date, 1,109 vessels have been tracked, 267 were challenged and 161 were boarded. Seven have been seized by the Saudi government. None of the incidents involved enemy threats, Anderson said.

The unit has been operating since Sept. 26, less than two weeks after the Army dropped off its gear and boats at an abandoned Saudi naval base.

"We built a command from zero," Anderson said. "We arrived at the airport, opened the door and the blast furnace hit all of us guys from Wisconsin. We took one deep breath, grabbed our water bottles and said, Here we

are, Saudi Arabia."

— CDR Tom Johnson

Anderson, a high school agriculture teacher in Sun Prairie, Wis., stressed that the force is being used primarily to protect American interests at the ports.

The average age of the reservists is 36. In civilian life, their professions often parallel their military assignments: A third of them are in law enforcement or firefighting.

Mitten, the grandmother who rides shotgun on a 22foot patrol boat, and other women make up 10 percent of

the crews. None of them expected to be in Saudi Arabia.

"It was like someone took a sledgehammer and hit me in the chest," said SK3 Mary Fowlkes.

Fowlkes, 37, a teacher of physical education and health at a Milwaukee middle school, was two

weeks into the school year when she was notified.

"I'm trying to make this a cultural and learning experience that I'll be able to share with students," she said.

YN3 Mary Jane Gallagher, 32, was working as a program assistant at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee when she got the call.

Some of the foreign students she helped advise were Kuwaitis. Prosperous students were suddenly penniless and appealing for help, she said.

Gallagher was notified of her call to active duty Sept. 13, a Friday. "I will be very superstitious in the future," she said with a laugh.

CINCCENT comments: Coast Guard doing superb job

Submitted by CAPT Henry Plimack, CG Liaison Officer, Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Editor's note: The Oct. 28, 1990, unclassified version of the Commander in Chief Central Command (CINCCENT) comments on the Coast Guard was received from the Joint Information Bureau in Riyadh. CAPT Henry Plimack, Coast Guard Liaison Officer at the Pentagon, Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff sent a memorandum dated Nov. 6, 1990, relaying CINCCENT's comments on the Coast Guard's involvement in Operation Desert Shied to Chief, Public Affairs Staff, U.S. Coast Guard. In his memorandum, CAPT Plimack noted that "the Coast Guard family can be proud of its contribution to Operation Desert Shield," and that "we have made a noticeable difference." The CINCCENT comments on the Coast Guard read as follows:

"The U.S. Coast Guard operating with the U.S. Navy continues to make a significant contribution to the maritime intercept operations and port security harbor defense. Currently, there are 250 Coast Guard personnel operating in the AOR. Although the Coast Guard is the smallest U.S. force deployed to the Middle East Theater, their contribution has been substantial. Their maritime expertise has been invaluable. There are nine law enforcement detachments (LEDETS) embarked in U.S. Navy ships. [The] Coast Guard team has been the main stay in maritime interception operations in support of the U.N. Security Council's economic sanctions against Iraq. To date, the Multinational Maritime Interception Force have conducted more than 300 boardings and nearly 3000 intercepts of suspect merchant vessels. The U.S. Navy/Coast Guard team has boarded more than 230 ships and completed over 2500 intercepts. The Coast Guard, working side by side with her sister service, is doing a superb job in support of Desert Shield Operations."

Coast Guard Desert Shield Statistics*

Coast Guard OPS in Middle East Under U.S. Navy OPCON

- 10 boarding teams and staff (approximately 50 personnel) with Mideast Interception Force
 - √ Over 4,000 vessels challenged
 - √ About 500 vessels boarded
 - √ About 20 vessels diverted
- Three Port Security Units (Approximately 300 Reserve personnel) for Port Security / Harbor Defense
 - √ Over 300 vessels challenged
 - √ About 200 vessels boarded
 - √ About 10 vessels seized **
 - ** In cooperation with Saudi Arabian authorities

Coast Guard INCONUS Support

- Approximately 800 SEL RES augmenting USCG Captains of the Port in various locations
- Approximately 260 SEL RES undergoing PSU replacement training in Florida

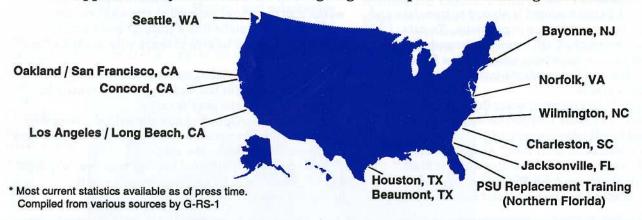




Photo courtesy of D9(dpa)

Members of the three Port Security Units flew to the Middle East on C-141s as shown above. According to CAPT C.C. Fitzgerald of D9(r), each C-141 carried two Raider boats and about 30 troops.

Back home: Loadout OPS continue while Americans show support

Editor's note: In our October 1990 issue, we reported on loadout operations from D5, D7, D8 and reservists called-up in those areas. Here, we give you the update on two other districts also involved — D11 and D13.

West coast reservists busy in D11

By PA1 Ron Cabral, RU 11th District-ns

CONCORD, Calif. — Since last August, reserve members from every part of the 11th Coast Guard District have been reporting for active duty in support of Desert Shield. To date, 36 Port Security personnel have been on duty at Concord Naval Weapon Station performing explosive loading supervision and other Port Security

duties such as the maintenance of a waterside security zone.

As of November. the reserve compliment at Concord has taken over 98 percent of all shipboard explosive loading supervision. This has allowed the regular Coast Guard personnel assigned to the Port Safety Station a chance to fully concentrate on pollution cases, search and rescue calls and safety boardings.

According to BMC

Alan Moss, a regular who coordinates roles for the reserves, "The reservists have proven to be invaluable in getting a critical job done and we could not get along without them." Moss added, "These reservists are high;y qualified and they have blended in very well with the regulars in every way. They demonstrate very high morale and strong positive attitudes toward their roles."

All the remaining 25 reservists on active duty either volunteered for 180 days call-up or were selected by the Coast Guard for call-up based on needs of the service, also for 180 days. More personnel could be called at any time for varied periods of time depending on what transpires in the Middle East, and the needs of the Coast Guard. The first 11 called up for Concord duty have since been returned to their respective reserve units in such places as Salt Lake City, Arizona, the Los Angeles area, and Northern California.

When the call went out, D11 CG reservists were ready

By YN2 Robert Hanley, CCGD11(rsm)

LOS ANGELES/LONG BEACH, Calif. — Billy Eden had just returned home from a Friday evening dinner out with his wife when the telephone rang. The call he had been anticipating since shortly after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait had finally arrived.

Eden, an MK1 assigned to RU Station Channel Islands, had just 36 hours to report to Coast Guard Station Los Angeles/Long Beach for active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield. Although he had prepared

> financially and psychologically for an involuntary recall, Eden was still a little shocked when it actually happened.

> "I thought I was ready, but when I got the call, it sort of took the wind out of my sails. I was ready, but I wasn't," Eden recalled. "But I would have been disappointed if I had not been called."

Eden is one of more than 100 11th District reservists called to active duty in the first large-scale call-up since Vietnam. Their duties range from enforcing security zones around ships loading supplies and equipment destined for the Middle East to supervising the loading of ammunition and other explosives onto vessels



Photo by PA1 Spring de Haviland, RU Los Angeles / Long Beach

Reservists have been busy enforcing security zones in D11 in support of Desert Shield loadout activities. From left to right: YN2/BM David Cadiz, SN Charles Smith, PS1 Bill Glenn, MK3 Ed Temme and Wade Lewis, a Marine Staff Sgt. who was on-board photographing various vessels.

deploying to the Persian Gulf.

"You can't point them out of a crowd and say they're reservists," said BMC Fred Amos, Officer-in-Charge of Station LA/LB, where reservists are helping maintain harbor security and standing SAR watches. "I'm comfortable that they could take over the station and run it operationally."

Similarly, reservists mobilized to the Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment at Naval Weapons Station Concord have helped supervise the handling of more than 23,000 tons of explosives since mid-September, said LT Carl Johnson, Assistant Supervisor.

"We expected that it would work out fairly well, because we are used to working with reservists," Johnson said. "We have come to expect good support here, and it's no surprise that they fit in so well."

Not all 11th District reservists stayed in the United

States, however. Two junior officers were sent to Saudi Arabia with Navy Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare units. (See picture on bottom of Page 15)

"Here are two guys we called with 24 hours' advance notice and were told that they had to report to units preparing to deploy to Saudi Arabia," said LCDR Greg Shapley, Chief of the 11th District Reserve Branch. "Once again, it was nothing but Semper Paratus."

Survey results and lessons learned

According to an 11th District survey, less than a third of the reservists felt distressed about being involuntarily recalled — despite the fact that more than 70 percent had sustained pay cuts. Still, the call-up was not entirely trouble free. Some reservists experienced pay problems that included delays in receiving basic pay or allowances, such as BAQ.

"Generally speaking, where there were pay problems, they were traced to not being on direct deposit or to having out-of-date or invalid BAQ information," said LCDR Shapley of D11(r).

LCDR Shapley said signing onto direct deposit — already mandatory for active-duty members — will become a must for 11th District reservists next year, a measure he hopes will help reduce pay problems in future mobilizations.

Another important lesson is the importance of active-duty units maintaining current Logistics Support Mobilization Plans, which account for details such as parking, quarters and messing facilities for mobilized reservists.

"One thing we have learned over the last decade of readiness exercises is that this is a sorely neglected plan," Shapley said. "And lo and behold, when units end up with 30 to 40 reservists on their doorstep, they find out what a real nightmare this could be."

BMC Amos, of Station LA/LB, added that active-duty units also should emphasize Reserve training before mobilization creates a crisis. "Don't neglect your reservists," he advised. "If you neglect them, you get what you train for."

D13 reservists play vital role in Operation Desert Shield loadout

By LCDR Richard Brundrett, MSO Puget Sound

PACIFIC NORTHWEST — Since mid-August, many Coast Guard active and reserve units in the Northwestern United States have been involved in military readiness activities that have supported Operation Desert Shield.

During August, September and October, six U.S.

Department of Transportation Maritime Administration
(MARAD) Ready Reserve Fleet (RRF) vessels were
activated from a laid-up state in Portland, Ore. and
Seattle, Wash. Many local Coast Guardsmen were
involved in having these logistic support vessels activated,



Photo by Charles W. Telesco, USCG Auxiliary

Home for Christmas came closer to reality for more than 100 Buffalo, N.Y., Coast Guard reservists when 400 South Buffalo St. Ambrose School children recently donated some 50 packages of hometown cheer as part of Operation Desert Shield — The Buffalo Connection. From left to right are: Mary McGuire, President, St. Ambrose Parent's Guild, LCDR Bernard Dombrowski, Executive Officer of PSU 301, Richie McGuire, a fourth-grade student at St. Ambrose who brainstormed the program, and LT Michael A. Jett, Director of Auxiliary, Eastern Region, D9.

inspected, manned and safely escorted to sea.

From Septemberthrough December 1990, the U.S. Army's Military Traffic Management Command, Pacific Northwest Outport conducted military cargo loadouts onto five U.S. Navy, Military Sealift Command vessels at the Port of Tacoma.

These loadouts were immediate in nature, deploying strategic military hardware and supplies to the Middle East.

The Coast Guard's role during the loadouts was to provide maximum support to enhance strategic mobility through extensive port security and port safety operations. More specifically, this involved providing 24-hour-a-day security, including escorts, for the loadout vessels while in Puget Sound waters, assisting in the security of the facility where the vessels were being loaded, and providing dangerous cargo loading/storage direction.

The USCGC CUTTYHUNK, USCGC BAYBERRY, and 28 selected reservists handled the Coast Guard on-scene operations. The reservists were involuntarily recalled to active duty specifically for this operation. Given only two or three days advance notice, they were all able to report immediately for duty. In an extremely short period of time, a cohesive and professional active reserve unit was created that successfully met Coast Guard support obligations.

The loadout operations were not without some exciting and tense moments.

The first ship loaded out was an auto-carrier. Shortly after the loading began, Coast Guard personnel discovered vertical separation for hazardous material segregation wasn't being maintained because of the auto-carrier deck holes (used for auto tie-downs). The correction involved Military Traffic Management Command revising much of their cargo stowage plan.

Another concern involved the ship's cargo decks being overstressed by the weight of huge pieces of military hardware. Tanks and other large track vehicles had to be left on the dock, awaiting another loadout or railed to the East coast.

The CG successfully met its support obligations through professionalism and exemplary Semper Paratus responsiveness of the many people involved in the operation, but especially by the Selected Reservists called to duty. A vital role was accomplished in assuring the conduct of safe and successful operations.



An exclusive interview with Bob Hope is one of the highlights of "Persian Excursion," a video postcard produced by PA1 Spring de Haviland, right, to bolster U.S. troop support in the Middle East.

Photo by Charles Allen

Video greeting to bolster support

LOS ANGELES — PA1 Spring de Haviland of RU Los Angeles / Long Beach has produced a special postcard video to bolster support and to salute Armed Forces personnel in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf.

Entitled *Persian Excursion*, this unique MTV-like music video is teeming with jokes, rock music, all the services' theme songs and flags as well as warm wishes from many celebrities including a one-on-one exclusive interview with Bob Hope. Miss Universe Mona Grudt, Los Angeles' KODJ-FM radio personalities Charlie Tuna, Dean Goss and Linda Lambert also add their personal greetings and salutations. The 30-minute video is hosted by Dr. Magic Springthyme.

Once completed, it was duplicated by Armed Forces Radio & Television Services who arranged to have them personally delivered to Saudi Arabia.

As a compassionate patriot, PA1 de Haviland dedicated three months of her own time and tapped into her savings to complete the project.

Show your support: Desert mail

To send mail directly to Coast Guard Port Security Units or to an individual within a PSU, send to:

> Name of Coast Guardsman or Commanding Officer PSU Number (301, 302, 303)* C/O CG Liaison Officer USN Administrative Support Unit Box 508 FPO New York, N.Y. 09526-2800

* 301: Buffalo; 302: Cleveland; 303: Milwaukee

"To Any Servicemember" addresses have also been established for use by the general public to send letters of support to U.S. service personnel assigned to Operation Desert Shield. You may specify the military branch, i.e. U.S. Coast Guard, but no other designation such as Coast Guardsman whose birthday is today, best looking Coast Guardsman, etc., will be honored. The proper address for these letters of support is:

Any Servicemember (USCG/Navy/Marine Corps) Operation Desert Shield FPO New York, N.Y. 09866-0006

Any Servicemember (U.S. Air Force/Army) Operation Desert Shield FPO New York, N.Y. 09848-0006

For mail delivery to a specific individual Coast Guardsman or other service member, include the member's name and complete APO/FPO address.



School children send the "write" message to Desert Shield Coasties

SALEM, Ore. — PS3 Anthony Adams teaches the 5th grade class at Highland Elementary in this Oregon city. He recently headed up the project for the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students to handmake about 200 Christmas cards for the CG Desert Shield troops in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf.

"They (the students) are pretty excited," said PS3 Adams. "Even the smaller kids — they all know something about the situation over there."

ROTONDA WEST, Fla. — Over 100 sixth graders at L.A. Ainger Junior High in this southwestern Florida city sent letters over to the Cleveland Port Security Unit at Christmas. Suzanne Burke, an English teacher at Ainger, said the students were also making up care packages to be shipped in January.

1st District



Major changes don't alter CG station's effectiveness

By LT Timothy R. Girton, Reserve Group Moriches

FREEPORT, N.Y. — On the 15th of June 1990, after a three-year construction project, Coast Guard Station Jones Beach celebrated the dedication of the new station buildings and a name change.

Formerly Coast Guard Station Short Beach, it was changed to Station Jones Beach in order to make it more recognizable by the boating community. It is

Freeport, Long Island, N.Y. Always a busy unit, Station Jones Beach

located at the west end of

Jones Beach State Park.

continually ranks among the top 15 stations in the nation. Furthermore, between June 1987 and April 1990, the unit prosecuted 1,692 SAR cases, conducted 807 law enforcement boardings and was actively involved in various local community public relations demonstrations and lectures intended to help educate the boating public.

All this took place during a major construction project, the disestablishment of the Third Coast Guard District, and the consolidation of Group Rockaway and Group Shinnecock into Group Moriches — Station Jones Beach's operational commander.

However, what makes Jones Beach truly noteworthy is that it exemplifies the one Coast Guard concept. The 35-person active duty command is supported in all operations and activities by a 42-person reserve unit which includes four fully certified boat crews, communications watchstanders, cooks and OOD trainees, plus over 220 volunteers from Coast Guard Auxiliary Division XIII consisting of nine flotillas with





Photo by CAPT Henry Plimack, USCGR

Left: Members of RU
Station Jones Beach
stand proudly in
front of the new
station buildings
following the
completion of a threeyear construction
project. The station
also underwent a
name change — it
was formerly called
Station Short Beach.

75 vessels.

All of these components work together as a team to make the station efficient and effective. During the construction, both regular and

reserve personnel spent many hours building station facilities such as floating docks, a storage shed, and a recreational deck overlooking the water. Recently, because of a large turnover in the active command, the Reserve boat crews have been training and qualifying active duty boat crews as well as Auxiliarists as crew members. This further illustrates that Jones Beach uses everyone's talents.

Though the station's name was changed in order to make it more recognizable to the boating public, it's the people that have established the tradition of cooperation and teamwork at Station Jones Beach.



Photo submitted by ETC John A. Coppola, USCG Recruiting Office, Newark, NJ

Reserve recruiter PS2 Joe Canfield, left, is shown with a CG Recruiting sign located in northwest New Jersey. According to an employee at the post office, the sign has been "on duty" since 1963, and was about to be put away, when it was located by Canfield and brought home, to his wife's dismay. Also pictured are HS3 T. Gibbs, center, and SA J. Maltagliati, right, both enlisted by Canfield.

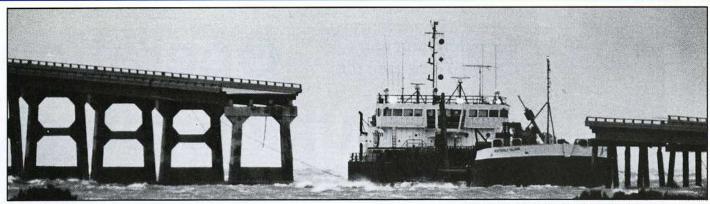


Photo by Drew C. Wilson, The Virginian-Pilot & The Ledger-Star

A 370-foot portion of the Bonner Bridge at Oregon Inlet, N.C. collapsed Oct. 26 after the dredge Northerly Isle rammed it. The dredge had dragged anchor in heavy seas as hurricane-like winds pummelled North Carolina's Outer Banks. Three reservists from Reserve Group Elizabeth City assisted with emergency operations as the incident left many people stranded on Hatteras Island.

5th District



Reservists assist following bridge collapse

By LTJG Nona Smith, D5(rst) OREGON INLET, N.C. — Three D5 reservists were on-hand to lend assistance following the Bonner Bridge collapse here Friday, Oct. 26.

A treacherous nor'easter had pummelled North Carolina's Outer Banks with hurricane-like winds. The Northerly Isle, a 200-foot dredge that was anchored to seaward of the bridge, dragged anchor in the heavy winds and surf, and crashed into the bridge, causing a 370-foot portion of the concrete span to collapse.

Since the bridge connects two islands of the Outer Banks at Oregon Inlet, Hatteras Island was cut off. Electric and telephone service were also cut off, and tourists who were there for the blue fish season, residents, and the families at Coast Guard Group Cape Hatteras were isolated.

When reservists BM1 Nathaniel "Sandy" Sanderson and PS3 Andy Maglione, both of Reserve Group Elizabeth City reported for their drill at Station Oregon Inlet Saturday morning, they immediately went to

work manning the 27-foot rigid hull inflatable and the 41-foot UTB that were used to ferry officials to Hatteras Island and back. When three landing craft were brought in by the state of North Carolina to ferry supplies to the isolated population, Coast Guardsmen escorted the pilots through the infamous channels of Oregon Inlet.

Back at the Oregon Inlet Station, SS3 T.A. Dornfried, of Reserve Group Elizabeth City, put in an extra effort to make sure the station's crew didn't go hungry.

"We appreciated SS3 Dornfried's efforts," said Master Chief Roger R. Winslow, Officer in Charge at Station Oregon Inlet. "He did an outstanding job, and put forth that extra effort necessary to ensure the crew at Oregon Inlet was well fed."

7th District



New RU slated for St. Croix

Information provided by The St. Croix Avis and San Juan Star

ST. CROIX, Virgin Islands — A U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Unit is being formed in the Virgin Islands to help provide marine safety and security services for all three islands. Virgin Islands Delegate Ron de Lugo said initial plans call for the formation of a 12 to 15-member reserve unit to be based on St. Croix under the command of LT Samuel Bass, a Virgin Islander presently assigned to RU San Juan. The unit's members will receive intensive training in Coast Guard procedures as well as special training in port safety and other Coast Guard functions.

The new reserve unit will use existing Coast Guard facilities in the Virgin Islands. They will, of course, be provided a small boat and other needed equipment.

"The Coast Guard's expansion on St. Croix is welcome news," de Lugo said. "It will provide new opportunities for our people and a boost in year-round services and security for our growing marine industry."

Individuals interested in becoming a member of the new unit can contact: BMC William L. Tucker, U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Office, P.O. Box S-2029, San Juan, PR 00902-2029, or call (collect if necessary) (809) 723-6129 or (809) 725-8845.

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Call the USCG Hotline

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It may be winter now, but before you know it, it'll be time for...

Summerstock

Story by QM1 Thomas Rau, RU Los Angeles/Long Beach Photos by Bob Paetschow, Manistee News-Advocate

hey come from Boston, Key West, Los Angeles,
Seattle, even as far as Honolulu and the Virgin
Islands — they are Summerstock reservists
taking advantage of a great opportunity.

This unique reserve program offered by the Ninth Coast Guard District annually stocks Coast Guard search and rescue stations on the Great Lakes with reserve personnel during the summer months when boating activity peaks.

"It's a great opportunity for reservists to receive valuable training and achieve difficult qualifications such as boat coxswain," said BM1 Jeff Miller, Officer in Charge at Coast Guard Station Manistee, Mich. "Also," he added with a smile, "it's not a bad summer job."

He speaks from the voice of experience.

BM1 Miller spent three years in the Summerstock program at Manistee before going full time in 1981. In September, he returned and took over as Officer in Charge of the reserve-operated station.

Yes, that's correct, reservists run Station Manistee. It represents one of the three stations in the Summerstock program that is reserve operated — Plum Island, Wis. and Harbor Beach, Mich. are the other two.

Manistee's billet structure calls for 12 people, although at times it has as many as 18 summerstockers aboard. The only active duty personnel aboard are the Officer in Charge and Engineer Petty Officer.

"The reservists run the station and fill all key positions from Executive Petty Officer, to Training, to Operations heads, and underway billets. The training is intense," said Miller.

Since 1987, this seasonally-operated station has chalked up an impressive score of various qualifications earned, underway man-hours, several awards and medals for individuals, as well as a CG Meritorious Unit Commendation.

What's more, Manistee personnel have recently contributed to the development of two major Coast Guard projects — *The Watchstander Qualification Guide* (COMDINST M16120.7), and project AFAM — an area familiarization video that covers the SAR station's areas of responsibility.

Perhaps the most rewarding fact regarding Station Manistee's achievements is that it's a team effort. All aboard agree that this is an essential ingredient. "What makes this [Summerstock] program work here is the great attitude of the regulars aboard. We've been fortunate. Over the past five years the station has been blessed with three outstanding OINCs who strongly support the reserve program," said a veteran Manistee Summerstocker.

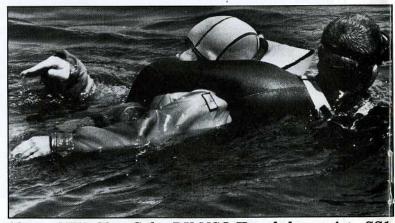
"These guys are great," said MK1 John Taylor, Manistee's regular engineer petty officer. "Most of them are college guys, and they come here with great attitudes and a will to work and train. What I can't understand is why more reservists don't take advantage of this program. I'll take all they want to send, especially engineers."

BM1 Miller shares Taylor's attitude.

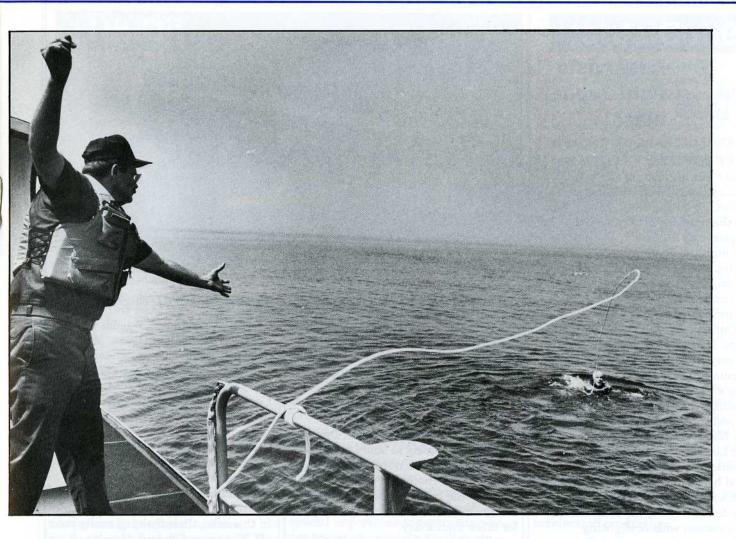
"I always felt Operation Summerstock provided outstanding opportunities for reservists. I wouldn't be back here today as Officer In Charge if it weren't for Summerstock. As I said, it provides opportunities for all. I just wish more reservists would take advantage of it."

Perhaps they will, now that the secret is out.

Summerstocker develops AFAM videos, Page 15

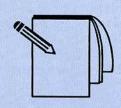


Above: MK2 Clay Cole, RU MSO Honolulu, assists SS1 McCormick as part of open survival swim / boat crewmen certification during Operation Summerstock training. Right: SS1 McCormick is placed on a stretcher by MK2 Cole and PS1 Roger Ladegast of RU Grand Haven.





Sign up for Summerstock now!



By LT Neil Hurley, G-RST

Summerstock is important. It meets Coast Guard mission requirements and is an important source of OJT for reservists. Coast Guard active duty personnel and reservists are deeply committed to making Summerstock work.

About 80 billets are open, primarily for BMC-SN, MK1-FN and SS2-SS3. Assignments to billets are not strictly limited by rate or rating. The duration of a Summerstock assignment is from 30-126 days during the period May 6 to Sept. 7, 1991.

If you are a qualified coxswain, engineer, crewman or cook, apply now by submitting a CG-3453 or CG-5529 through your chain of command to CGD9 (rst).

Selections will be made by mid-February.

9th District



Reservists fight Jupiter blaze

By LCDR C. Green, RU Saginaw

BAY CITY, Mich. — The tanker Jupiter was off-loading about 2.3 million gallons of unleaded gasoline at a facility on the Saginaw River here the morning of Sept. 16 when it errupted into flames.

Robert and Jean Colby, CG Auxiliarists who live on their small boat on the Saginaw River, heard the 394-foot *Jupiter's* mayday over the marine radio.

"The captain said the decks were on fire. People were in the water. He was very flustered, as you can imagine," Robert Colby said. The Colby's were quickly on-scene, assisting with the rescues.

Upon receiving the call, reservists EM1 Mike Klaczkiewicz, coxswain, MK2 Leo Trahan, and SN Jim Huffman, all of RU Saginaw, were joined by regular FN Bill Martin and Sea Cadet Lynn Kulinec.

Within minutes, the reserve crew was on-scene with firefighting equipment and approached the tanker through black smoke produced by flames shooting 100 feet into the air.

"As we came upon the scene, we saw people on the fantail of the boat waving their arms, screaming and jumping into the water," said SN Huffman.

The boat skillfully maneuvered through debris and intense heat and pulled seven *Jupiter* crewmen from the river. The 41-footer transferred the rescued victims to safety on the station's nearby 22-footer, manned by regulars MK2 Nathaniel White, MK1 Greg Bergeron and BM3 Jed Stene.

Returning to the scene, the Jupiter's captain was spotted on the fantail, about to jump into the river. The 41-footer approached the flaming ship, knowing it could explode at any minute, and rescued the captain. Both Coast Guard vessels pulled back before the feared explosion filled the air with sheets of flame involving



Photo by ENS Paul B. Dutille

The tanker M.V. Jupiter burns in the Saginaw River. RU Saginaw reservists were on-scene shortly after the incident began.

the rest of the ship. Hatch covers blew; a pump on deck exploded and was thrown past the 41-footer into the river.

In all, the three rescue boats pulled 16 of the 18-member tanker crew from the Saginaw River. One man made it safely to shore without help while one was never found. Eleven of the rescued crew were taken to the hospital. Only three crewmembers had to be hospitalized for more than a day.

All traffic on the Saginaw River, a major economic thoroughfare, was shut down. By noon, a call went out for more reserve help. A few hours later 11 more members of RU Saginaw were on scene and within 12 hours, the total number of reservists had swelled to 18.

The fire was put out on day two with the help of fire fighting specialists and equipment from Texas using the Cutters BRAMBLE and BRISTOL BAY as firefighting platforms. The fire flashed back that night, but was put out again the next day. However, the *Jupiter* sank later on the third day.

According to LCDR Chuck Green, Commanding Officer of RU Saginaw, several problems could have developed that didn't because the incident was handled perfectly. A million gallons of gasoline was pumped off the Jupiter.

"The water intake for Bay City and Saginaw was just down the river from the fire," said LCDR Green. "And, five fuel tank farms were nearby."

LCDR Green also credits BMC Herb Mann, Officer in Charge at Coast Guard Station Saginaw River for having a positive attitude toward reservists.

"If you didn't know any of these guys, you wouldn't have known the regulars from the reservists," said BMC Mann. "We have a good relationship with the reservists and in this case, their training really paid off. The reservists had a good attitude and a spirit of cooperation. Many volunteered their own time with the initial deployment of boat booms, helping in the galley and doing anything that needed to be done."

Some of the reservists stayed on a week working at the site. The *Jupiter* was eventually refloated and towed up the river to a scrapyard. The engines and some electric generators were salvaged.

Mackinaw reservists in QC Venture '90

BUFFALO, N.Y. — CG reservists aboard the USCGC MACKINAW participated in Queen City Venture '90, a joint Navy, Marine, N.Y. National Guard airborne/seaborne, amphibious assault training exercise conducted the weekend of Aug. 10-12. The MACKINAW was one of several training platforms.

1th District



Reservist produces **AFAM** videos

Submitted by PA1 Spring de Haviland, RU LA/LB

Editor's note: QM1 Thomas Rau was participating in Operation Summerstock at Manistee, Mich. when the AFAM videos were produced. However, he is a member of RU Los Angeles / Long Beach, therefore, this story went under a D11 heading though the dateline reads Manistee, which is in D9.

MANISTEE, Mich. — It has been three years in the making, but QM1 Thomas Rau has developed Area Familiarization (AFAM) videos for Group Grand Haven's northern area of responsibility, covering 110-miles of Lake Michigan's eastern shoreline.

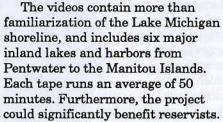
The videos, developed to acquaint newly-assigned personnel with the local operating area, were professionally produced, and are similar to a National Geographictype production. It gives new personnel complete coverage of the area with the help of a narrative and chart inlays. The videos were taped from a CG helicopter at altitudes ranging from just off the deck to spectacular high overview shots.

"The need for this grew out of the soil of necessity: personnel were spending thousands of man hours underway: now station personnel as a whole spend a few hundred hours to review the OPAREA by video," said Rau of the three Coast Guard Station's OPAREAs that were video taped (Frankfort, Manistee and Ludington). "A boat crewman at Station Frankfort, for instance, may now review his entire OPAREA in a 60-minute video versus a 19-hour boat trip and with much greater retention."

A Commandant's Instruction mandates that small boat crewmen make three complete boat trips every

six months to learn their area of responsibility. These trips often result in boredom and fatigue, and personnel do not always retain the information they are supposed to be assimilating. Furthermore, they provide a means for watchstanders and OODs to learn their area of responsibility very quickly.

"By acquainting them with the OPAREA via video first, we can see a big difference in retention rates," said Rau. "The new personnel are having about a 90 percent retention rate; when we take them out on the boat, they readily pick out landmarks and hazards. In addition, they can review the video at their own convenience."

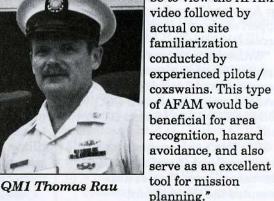


"The AFAM video could be of special importance to reservists who are trying to maintain small boat qualifications because the video

supplements long boat trips needed to cover an OPAREA," said Rau.

The project's flight coordinator, CDR Thomas Walter, executive officer of AIR STA Traverse City said: "In my opinion, the best and most standard method to ensure that newly assigned boat / air station crewmen receive an adequate area

> familiarization would be to view the AFAM video followed by actual on site familiarization conducted by experienced pilots/ coxswains. This type of AFAM would be beneficial for area recognition, hazard avoidance, and also serve as an excellent tool for mission planning."



The project had its inception during the summer of 1987 when QM1 Rau was on Summerstock TEMAC orders at Station Manistee.

"It wasn't a formal project at first - it was more or less done via home video," said Rau, "But when CG Headquarters expressed an interest in the project in October 1988, it accelerated production."

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Photo courtesy of PA1 Spring de Haviland, RU Los Angeles / Long Beach

LTJG Tom Barnes of Reserve Group Los Angeles / Long Beach presents former President Ronald Reagan a CGC POINT CAMDEN ball cap making Reagan an honorary crew member. Since this presentation in December of 1989, LTJG Barnes has been called to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield and is now serving with the Navy's Mobile Inshore Underwater Warfare Unit in Saudi Arabia. LTJG Barnes normally drills onboard the POINT CAMDEN.

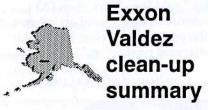
QM1 Rau then made a trip to CG Headquarters (G-NRS) to present the pilot video in February 1989. Shortly thereafter, G-NRS appropriated an original \$15,000 to develop the videos. An additional \$5,000 funding from G-NRS was necessary to complete the project in April 1990.

Currently, the videos are being evaluated by CG Headquarters (G-NRS). QM1 Rau, attached to RU Los Angeles / Long Beach, credits the support of his unit in the project's successful outcome.

"Without my reserve unit's support, this project would not have been completed," said Rau, who normally augments aboard CGC POINT BRIDGE in Marina Del Rey, Calif.

QM1 Rau's videos were accepted under the Coast Guard's new Ideas Express program. He was also presented the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for his efforts.

7th District



By PA1 Kathleen Potter, FOSC

VALDEZ, Alaska — Exxon work crews labored throughout a second spring and summer removing the crude oil left on thousands of miles of Alaska coastline from the March 24, 1989, Exxon Valdez oil spill.

The 1990 cleanup was considerably smaller than that in 1989. But Coast Guard Reservists still worked a total of 8,365 staff days between April 1 and Sept. 25.

During the past winter, wave action removed about 75 percent of the surface oil and 50 percent of the subsurface oil. Many heavily oiled areas exposed to this high wave action required little or no work this year. However, protected bays still had pools of oil, stained rocks, oily debris, tarmats and buried oil.

Survey and work schedules were dictated again this year by Alaska's unrelenting environment. Timing was critical and schedules revolved around the seasons, weather, tides, fishing seasons and wildlife reproductive cycles.

Preserving the shore's natural state while removing as much oil as possible was the FOSC's highest priority. The least intrusive methods were employed and oil was left in the environmentally sensitive areas where treatment would do more harm than good.

Treatments included manual removal of oiled material and tarmats, washing, tilling, raking, excavating and bioremediation.

The use of bioremediation is a relatively new technology in oil removal. It is a natural process in which native microscopic bacteria eats hydrocarbons in oil, thereby speeding its breakdown. Many bioremediated areas showed marked others may need attention next year. Overall,

proven to be a most Potter. effective tool in oil removal.

As 1990's cleanup moved into August, treated areas were resurveyed and spot treatments were done where needed. Information from these surveys will serve as a baseline for the 1991 spring survey and treatments. The Incidental Command Posts (ICP) in Seward, Prince William Sound and Kodiak closed in late August. ICP Homer closed its doors in mid-September.

All clean-up work stopped Sept. 15. This winter, the FOSC in Anchorage

is being staffed by five historians. They will complete a detailed spill chronology, catalog the vast amount of spill-related data and provide information to the National Archives and the Department of Justice. This oil spill, the largest in the nation's history, is the first to be entered in the National Archive records.

This May, the sites will be resurveyed and a treatment game plan will be drawn up for a third summer clean-up campaign.



Federal On Scene Coordinator unit patches such as the one above can be obtained by writing LCDR improvement while Jerry Adamek at Commandant (G-PO-2C), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593-0001 or calling (202) 267-2655. Deadline for ordering is mid-February. Cost will be between \$5bioremediation has \$7. The FOSC logo was designed by PA1 Kathleen

Send The Reservist your unit newsletter

If you haven't seen your unit in this section, it's probably because we haven't heard about the good things your unit is doing. Get the word out! Help tell the CG Reserve story, especially during our Golden Anniversary year. If your unit produces a newsletter or publication, please send us a copy. G-RS-1 address is on Page 3.



Tip o' the Hat

Watkins NERA's 1990 outstanding reservist

Submitted by CAPT Paul Keane, Reserve Group Woods Hole

DCl Vernon E. Watkins, Jr., a member of RU York River, Yorktown, Va., has been named NERA's Outstanding Enlisted Coast Guard Reservist of the Year for

1990. DC1 Watkins was recommended by CAPT R.E. Myers, Commander, Reserve Group Hampton Roads, Va. for superior performance of duty.

DC1 Watkins was presented with the award by RADM Daniel J. Murphy, USCGR(Ret.) at NERA's annual convention in Reno, Nev., Oct. 25, 1990.

The competition was keen with 18 nomination packages

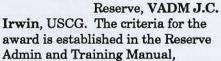
submitted from commanders of reserve groups or commanding officers of independent reserve units from all Coast Guard districts.

The Selection Board was headed by CAPT Paul Keane, Commander, Reserve Group Woods Hole, Mass. Other board members consisted of CDR Mike Perper, MCPO-CG Jay Lloyd, MCPO Forrest Groom, and Chief Petty Officer Chuck Langford. Board deliberations were held in the office of the MCPO-CG(ElO) at CG Headquarters.

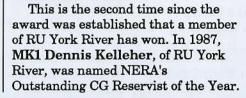
Immediate runners-up included BM2 John Rascoe, recommended by CAPT H.E. Copeland, Commander, Reserve Group Wilmington, N.C.; PSI Tony Attardo, recommended by CAPT George Dirschel, Commander, Reserve Group Boston;

and BMI Melvin
Emond,
recommended by CDR
Don Calkins,
Commander, Reserve
Group Long Island
Sound.

This highly-coveted award was established in 1984 under the direction of then NERA President HMCM Manny Ratner USNR(Ret.), Westbury N.Y., with the approval of then Chief of the Office of Readiness and



COMDTINST 1001.27.





DC1 Vernon E. Watkins, Jr.

Emrich top 1990 CG reservist of Alabama

By CDR R. West, RU MSO Mobile

PS1 Ronald E. Emrich of RU
MSO Mobile recently received the
Alabama Governor's Outstanding
Reservist of the Year Award for
1990. The award was presented by
Governor Guy Hunt of Alabama in
a ceremony held at Gunter AFB in
Montgomery, Ala. This marked the
third time the award has been won
by a reservist from RU MSO Mobile.

Sponsored by the National Veterans Day in Birmingham Committee, the award is presented annually by the Governor to the top enlisted representatives from each of the active duty, reserve and National Guard components in Alabama.

PS1 Emrich has been a member of the CG Reserve since 1985. In civilian life, he is employed by the Mobile County Sheriff's Department.

Awards & Medals

CG Achievement Medal LCDR Dan Croce, RU Long Beach, N.J.

Commandant's Letter of Commend. PSC Johannes Verhaeg, Governor's Island DPCS Thomas R. Moore, RU Chattanooga

CG Meritorious Unit Commendation CGRU Atlanta, Ga.

Taps...

• BM3 William Hilliard Barrett, 42, of RU Charleston, S.C., was killed in an automobile-related accident while off duty Oct. 28 in Jacksonville, Fla. He had been called-up for Operation Desert Shield and was stationed in Jacksonville at the time of his death. BM3 Barrett had been a member of the Coast Guard Reserve since January 1986, and had also served in the U.S. Marine Corps. BM3 Barrett was buried in Newport News, Va., with full military honors.

NERA Outstanding Enlisted CG Reservists

Year	Name	Unit/District	City
1984	BM2 Lisa B. Milone	RU Station Point, D1	Allerton, Mass.
1985	PS1 Maxine M. Cavanaugh	RU MSO Honolulu, D14	Honolulu, Hawaii
1986	PS1 Johannes Verhaeg	RU Albany, D3 (now D1)	Albany, N.Y.
1987	MK1 Dennis F. Kelleher	RU York River, D5	Yorktown, Va.
1988	BM1 L. Todd Reed	RU Air Station, D9	Traverse City, Mich.
1989	YN2 Thomas R. Kaufman	RU Air Station, D7	Savannah, Ga.
1990	DC1 Vernon E. Watkins, Jr.	RU York River, D5	Yorktown, Va.



Reserve families entitled to support services

By CWO Ron Wolf, G-RSM-1

You've been "called up" and face 90 days of active duty with a possible extension to 180 days. What about your family while you're away? What kind of support can they expect from the Coast Guard? Where can they go for help?

The Coast Guard has long recognized that the morale and mission performance of its personnel is closely tied to the health and well-being of their families. In spite of continued emphasis on training for "mobilization," a sudden call to six months active duty away from home often comes as a surprise and places unexpected stress on families of reserve service members.

When you are mobilized, your family is entitled to support on the same basis as active duty Coast Guard families. Family assistance may take the form of information and referral services, financial assistance (e.g. Coast Guard Mutual Assistance), employment assistance, crisis assistance, legal assistance as well as military chaplain services.

If your Reserve unit or group has an established Command Family Representative (ombudsman), that individual will probably be your family's initial link with the services available. COMDTINST 1750.4 (series) defines the role of the ombudsman. Essentially, they are prepared to furnish information to families regarding sources of assistance available.

Each Coast Guard district is assigned a Family Program Administrator who serves as a resource for information, referral, and training in such areas as suicide prevention, crisis intervention, etc. They also provide family advocacy support. Their phone numbers are listed below.

In addition, certain Coast Guard directives provide information and regulations related to family support. These are also listed below.

Family centers located on major Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard installations are also prepared to assist families of active duty and Reserve personnel with a wide range of services either directly or by referral to another agency. They may be reached by calling the general information operator at the nearest military installation.

Several non-military organizations are there to help as well. The American Red Cross specializes in contacting service members in emergency situations, but they also can provide health and welfare information to family members. The United Services Organizations are now providing assistance to families with a variety of social problems. You can contact the Red Cross or the USO by looking in your local telephone directory.

Becoming a "military family" all of a sudden can be traumatic. Hopefully, the military resources available can help ease the transition and meet the special needs that arise.

Family Program Administrator Numbers

District	FTS Phone	Commercial Phone
1st	223-8507	(508) 223-8507
2nd	262-2675	(314) 539-2675
5th	393-6532	(804) 398-6532
7th	350-7505	(305) 536-7505
8th	682-6242/6222	(504) 589-6222
9th	942-4020	(216) 522-4020
11th	984-5243	(213) 499-5243
13th	396-9685	(206) 286-9685
14th	(804) 551-2278	(808) 833-5550
17th	(907) 586-7789	(919) 586-7789

Family Support Directives*

√ COMDTINST 1750.4: Command Family Representative (Ombudsman)

√ COMDTINST 1750.7A: Family Advocacy Program

√ COMDTINST 1754.2: Family Services Available to Coast Guard Personnel through the Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

√ COMDTINST 1754.4: Interagency Agreement between the U.S. Coast Guard and the Office of Human Development Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

√ COMDTINST 1754.6: Family Child Care Services

* Applicability of these directives to families of Reserve service members varies with the circumstances of the member's duty.



DEERS beneficiary numbers

If you've had a CHAMPUS claim denied because of alleged non-enrollment in DEERS, or if you have questions concerning DEERS enrollment, call the DEERS beneficiary Telephone Center for assistance. The center can be reached between 6 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, at these toll-free listings:

- · 1-800-334-4162 (California only)
- · 1-800-527-5602 (Alaska and Hawaii only)

Please note: These one-day drill rates reflect a 4.1 percent raise approved by Congress and signed by President Bush. Basic Pay is limited to \$281.38 per daily drill by Level V of the executive pay schedule. Source: Department of Defense

· 1-800-538-9552 (all other states)

Tax time: watch those deductions

By LCDR Gary Domnisse, G-RSM-1

Beginning with your 1990 tax return, you may not deduct the cost of daily transportation between your residence and the site of regular military reserve unit meetings — even if they are held at locations outside the metropolitan area in which you're employed.

Such deductions were previously deductible.

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0-7	136.93	146.24	146.24	146.24	152,80	152.80	161.66	161.66	169.74	186.71	199.56	199.56	199.56	199.5
O-6	101.50	111.51	118.82	118.82	118.82	118.82	118.82	118.82	122.85	142.27	149.54	152.80	161.66	175.3
O-5	81.17	95.31	101.90	101.90	101.90	101.90	104.98	110.63	118.05	126.89	134.16	138.22	143.05	143.0
0-4	68.42	83.32	88.88	88.88	90.53	94.52	100.97	111.51	106.64	116.40	119.62	119.62	119.62	119.6
O-3	63.58	71.09	76.00	84.09	88.11	91.27	96.21	100.97	103.45	103.45	103.45	103.45	103.45	103.4
0-2	55.44	60.55	72.75	75.19	76.76	76.76	76.76	76.76	76.76	76.76	76.76	76.76	76.76	76.7
0-1	48.14	50.11	60.55	60.55	60.55	60.55	60.55	60.55	60.55	60.55	60.55	60.55	60.55	60.5
Commi	ssioned C	fficers W	ith Over F	our Years	Active D	utv Ås An	Enlisted	Member (Or Warran	t Officer				
0-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	84.09	88.11	91.27	96.21	100.97	104.98	104.98	104.98	104.98	104.98	104.9
0-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.19	76.76	79.19	83.32	86.51	88.88	88.88	88.88	88.88	88.88	88.8
0-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.55	64.69	67.07	69.50	71.92	75.19	75.19	75.19	75.19	75.19	75.1
Warrant	Officers													
W-4	64.78	69.50	69.50	71.09	74.32	77.60	80.85	86.51	90.53	93.70	96.21	99.32	102.64	110.6
W-3	58.88	63.87	63.87	64.69	65,44	70.23	74.32	76.76	79.19	81.55	84.09	87.36	90,53	93.7
W-2	51.58	55.79	55.79	57.42	60.55	63.87	66.29	68.72	71.09	73.59	76.00	78.40	81.55	81.5
W-1	42.96	49.26	49.26	53.37	55.79	58.19	60.55	63.05	65.44	67.88	70.23	72.75	72.75	72.7
Enlisted	Member	reji.												
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75,36	77.05	78.80	80.60	82.41	84.01	88.42	97.0
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.20	65.00	66.72	68.45	70.26	71.87	73.64	77.96	86.6
E-7	44.12	47.63	49.40	51.12	52.86	54.55	56.30	58.05	60.68	62.40	64.14	64.97	69.33	77.9
-6	37.97	41.37	43.10	44.93	46.61	48.29	50.07	52.65	54.30	56.06	56.91	56.91	56.91	56.9
-5	33.31	36.26	38.02	39.67	42.28	44.00	45.75	47.43	48.29	48.29	48.29	48.29	48.29	48.2
-4	31.07	32.81	34.74	37.43	38.91	38.91	38.91	38.91	38.91	38.91	38.91	38.91	38.91	38.9
-3	29.27	30.88	32.11	33.38	33.38	33.38	33.38	33.38	33.38	33.38	33.38	33.38	33.38	33.3
E-2	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.1
E-1 >4	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.1
E-1 <4	23.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Fit for Duty — Fit for Life



The New Nutrition

Making healthy food choices

emember the nutrition posters of your youth? "PROTEIN" announced the first food group, with a picture of a steak and fried chicken. "VEGETABLES AND FRUIT" said the second, with an illustration of a potato smothered with butter and a fruit cocktail. "DAIRY" said the third, as two fried eggs looked up at a bottle of whole milk. "BREADS AND CEREALS" then appeared with a slice of white bread and a bowl of indistinguishable breakfast cereal. That was then.

Food Composition

Today, the emphasis of nutrition education is shifting from the four basic food groups to food composition and how food influences health. Research shows that diets rich in complex carbohydrates and low in cholesterol and saturated fats may reduce our risk of heart disease and many types of cancer. We still need to eat a variety of foods from the four basic food groups, but the preferred choices within those food groups are changing.

Protein

Protein is found in meat, poultry, fish, and dried peas and beans (legumes). Protein is also present in dairy products. To get the protein your body needs (44-56 grams per day for adults), without taking in unnecessary fat and cholesterol, select lean cuts of meat, poultry without skin, fish, legumes, and low- or non-fat dairy products.



Protein sources



Complex carbohydrates sources



Complex Carbohydrates

Complex carbohydrates are abundant in fresh fruits and vegetables and in whole grain breads and cereals. Unlike processed fruits and vegetables and refined (white) flours, these foods are also high in dietary fiber. Adequate dietary fiber has been linked with a reduced risk of some cancers, and may also be beneficial for people who are trying to control weight.

Fats

Fats are essential to sound nutrition, but total fat intake should be limited to no more than 30 percent of your daily caloric intake. Animal fats (found in "marbled" meat, butter, lard, and whole milk products) and other saturated fats (like coconut and palm oil) should be limited. Saturated fats increase cholesterol in the blood — a major risk factor for coronary artery disease - and may also contribute to some cancers. Better choices are vegetable oils (safflower, sunflower, canola, corn, etc.), margarine, and low- or non-fat dairy products.

Nutrition News

The good news is that by taking charge of your own nutrition, you can improve your health while reducing your risk of "lifestyle" diseases like cancer and heart disease. The new nutrition isn't saying goodbye to the four basic good groups, it's helping us understand how to make better nutritional choices from the foods we eat.

Questions on any aspect of Fit for Duty
— Fit for Life can be directed to
Commandant (G-RSM), 2100 Second
St. SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or
call 1-800-283-USCG.

Officers' Call



Ringing in 1991: changes to reduce total number of EICs

By LT Neil Hurley (G-RST-1)

Changes published in the new RATMAN (due out in early 1991) will reduce the number of experience indicator codes available to reserve officers. Eighteen codes affecting 48 pay billets have been removed, leaving 38 active codes. The 48 billets being removed will be reassigned to one of the remaining codes.

Those codes which have been removed are General Command and Staff (01), Reserve Programs (05), Special Aides/Assistant Liaison (08), Recruiting (14), Personnel Services (17), Management-General (20), Planning-General (25), Information Resources Management (26), Financial Management (31), Fiscal Operations (32), Vessel Traffic Services (44), Marine Investigation (47), Engineer Afloat (53), Industrial Engineering (56), Marine Science Activities (72), Ice Operations (78), Boating Safety (80) and Auxiliary/Education (81).

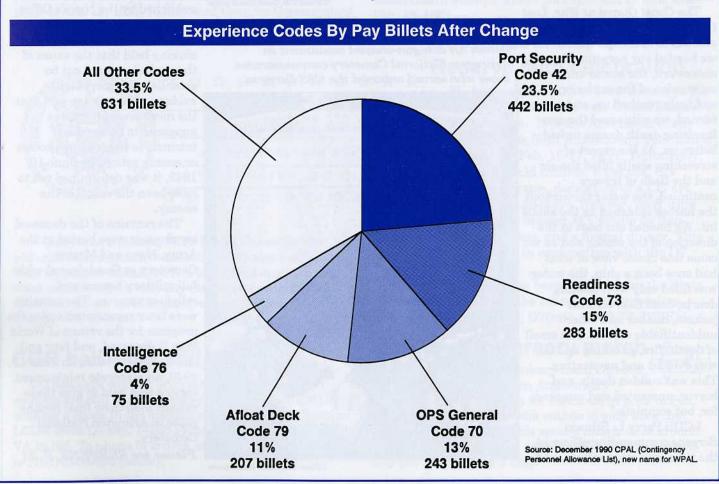
This change reduces our administrative overhead by

eliminating many of the small specialties that have limited augmentation value to the Coast Guard. It also prevents people from wasting valuable time training in fields which have no career path.

The best codes for officers seeking a good career path are Port Security (42), Readiness (73), Operations General (70) and Intelligence (76). These codes comprise the vast majority of our billets (see diagram below) and allow a stable career path. While the afloat deck (79) code is one of our largest, it is limited to junior officers and does not provide a career path.

It is critical for your career to earn the code required for your mobilization billet. However, for career planning, the following are suggested:

- · Plan your career early!
- Plan to qualify at some point in one of the "large" codes (42, 73, 70, or 76).
- •Plan to earn no more than two or three "specialty" codes. Requirements listed in the RATMAN are minimums you won't be ready (when you're needed) for mobilization if you skip from code to code every few years.



An Anniversary Commemoration

Remembering the USS Serpens

By PA2 E.J. Kruska, G-RS-1

January 1991 marks 46 years since the explosion and destruction of the USS Serpens (AK-97) which subsequently claimed the lives of 250 American servicemen — the majority of whom were Coast Guardsmen. It was the largest single disaster suffered by the CG in World War II.

The Serpens, a Coast Guardmanned ammunition ship, had supplied American forces in the New Zealand, New Caledonia and Guadalcanal areas between August 1943 and December 1944. During the night of Jan. 29, 1945, the Serpens was loading depth charges as it lay anchored approximately a mile off the coast of Lunga Beach, Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. Suddenly, and without warning, the 14,250-ton Serpens exploded, causing complete destruction of itself and damaging several nearby vessels.

The Coast Guard at War, Lost Cutters documents an eyewitness account of the tragic scene: "As we headed our personnel boat shoreward, the sound and concussion of the explosion suddenly reached us, and as we turned, we witnessed the aweinspiring death drama unfold before us. As the report of screeching shells filled the air and the flash of tracers continued, the water throughout the harbor splashed as the shells hit. We headed our boat in the direction of the smoke and as we came into closer view of what had once been a ship, the water was filled only with floating debris, dead fish, torn life jackets, lumber and other unidentifiable objects. The smell of death, fire, gasoline, and oil was evident and nauseating. This was sudden death, and horror, unwanted and unasked, for, but complete."

LCDR Perry L. Stinson, Serpens commanding officer at the time, one other officer, and

six crewmen were ashore on administrative business when the explosion occurred, and thus, survived. Onboard, only two Coast Guardsman survived: SN 1st Class Kelsie K. Kemp of Barron Springs, Va. and SN 1st Class George S. Kennedy of San Marcos, Texas. Both were awarded the Purple Heart by then Assistant Commandant of the

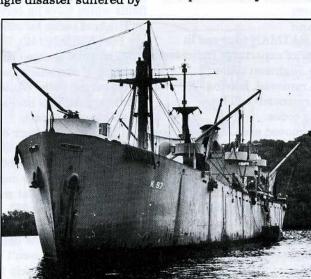
U.S.C.G., RADM L.T. Chalker.

Aside from those ten survivors, the devastation to the Serpens was so great, and the destruction so immediate, that nothing could be done to save the remaining 250 American servicemen on board. Of the 250, 193 were Coast Guardsmen (176 were CG Reservists while 17 were members of the regular CG), 56 were Army personnel, while Dr. Harry M. Levin of the U.S. Public Health Service also lost his life.

At first report, the incident was attributed to enemy action. But according to a news release dated May 29, 1946 and published by the Navy's Office of Public Information, the court of inquiry investigating the sinking held that the cause of the explosion could not be established from present evidence. The release said that the more probable causes appeared to be accidents intrinsic to the loading process or enemy action. By June 10, 1949, it was determined not to have been the result of the enemy.

The remains of the deceased servicemen were buried at the Army, Navy and Marine Cemetery at Guadalcanal with full military honors and religious services. The remains were later repatriated under the program for the return of World War II deceased, and four and one-half years later, on June 15, 1949, an elaborate reinterment service was held to give these valiant men their final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery.

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Official U.S. Coast Guard photo

Above: The USS Serpens (AK-97), a Coast Guardmanned ammunition ship, sunk Jan. 29, 1945. Below: An octagon-shaped monument in Arlington National Cemetery commemorates those who served onboard the USS Serpens.



Official U.S. Coast Guard photo

It's our 50th...

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

CGR postmark / cancellations available from various locations

√ CGHQ (G-R) Hand Cancellation: CDR Bob Marcotte, CO, RU Support Center Boston, will be at Coast Guard Headquarters (G-R) Feb. 19, 1991, to hand cancel mail with a special postmark he designed specifically to commemorate our 50th anniversary. If you would like to receive this hand-stamped postmark, prepare the mail you want cancelled by applying the appropriate first class postage. Because the new rate structure has not yet been determined by the U.S. Postal Service, a best guess at this point would be to apply 30 cents postage for each letter and 20 cents for postage per postcard that you want hand cancelled. Once postmarked, these cards and letters can be sent from CG Headquarters to any address you prefer. They will be put in the mailstream so they will not receive an additional machine cancellation. If you would like your cards and letters returned to you without an address on each, be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope large enough to hold them. Your package of cards or letters to receive this special postmark must be received at HQ prior to Feb. 19, 1991. Please send them to: Commandant (G-RS-1), U.S.C.G. Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20593. Attn: Golden Jubilee Postmark.



√ Governors Island, N.Y. Hand Cancellation: A pictorial commemorative cancellation is also available from Governors Island, N.Y.. Please send any mail you want cancelled from that city (in the same manner as described above) to: 50th Anniversary Station, Governors Island, N.Y. 10004.

CGR ball caps still available

CG ball caps with an embroidered CG Reserve emblem are still available through CGRU HQ (G-M) by sending a check in the amount of \$10 for each ball cap to: LCDR Dave Dickey, 14268 Princedale Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22193. To phone in orders, call (202) 267-0067 (office) or (703) 590-9354 (home).

Historic CG stamps

Would you like to purchase four specially postmarked items with historic Coast Guard stamps dating back to 1945? For \$5.50 you will be sent two quality

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cacheted envelopes with the Coast Guard seal bearing the 50th Anniversary postmark from Washington D.C. Also included will be a historic Coast Guard postcard bearing this cancellation. Finally, a postcard cancelled at either the Bicentennial Kickoff event in Newburyport, Mass. in August of '89 or at the Culmination in Grand Haven in August of '90 is included. There are limited numbers of these Bicentennial postmarked cards so a choice of one or the another is not possible. Proceeds will go to the Reserve Officers Association, a national nonprofit organization which has for years lobbied for support of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. Its focus is on both officer and enlisted issues. Please make checks out to "C.G. Chapter 4, ROA" and mail to: Commandant (G-RS-1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001. Attn: Historic Coast Guard Stamps. These packages will be sent after Feb. 19, 1991.

St. Augustine to host CG Reserve 50th celebration

St. Augustine, Fla. has been chosen as the site of the 7th District Coast Guard Reserve's Golden Jubilee. It is the first major event planned for our 50th Anniversary year and is scheduled for Feb. 16-17, 1991. Tentatively, events to be held include: a parade, CG Cutter open house, dedication of a CG art collection, CG displays, fly-over, recruiting

booth, golf tournament, muster at Castillo de San Marcos, special receptions, and a formal dinner. This celebration will be held in conjunction with the D7 Reserve conference.

Many dignitaries have been invited from the State of Florida, the CG and the other military services. Contact: LT Ty Ramsey, D7(rst), 1-800-72-SEVEN.

Golden Anniversary march

LCDR Buckley, CG Academy Band Director, is composing a CGR Golden Anniversary March which will be ready for distribution prior to Feb. 19th. If you have local media outlets in your area that would be willing to play this special march on or around Feb. 19th, contact G-RS-1 at (202) 267-2539 and they'll help you in procuring a copy.

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Approximately 1500 people attended this reinterment ceremony, but there were no speeches made. The ceremony was described as "one of the most elaborate military services accorded our fallen heroes in appreciation of a grateful nation. Words would have been inadequate to express the deep gratitude and admiration for the men that welled up in the hearts of everyone who witnessed the service."

The extraordinary nature of the catastrophe that claimed their lives made identification of the individuals aboard the Serpens impossible. Therefore, their remains were placed in 52 caskets and buried in 28 gravesites.

Two other gravesites in the middle of the group were

set aside for an octagon-shaped monument. This monument, constructed of Georgia granite, has inscribed upon it an alphabetical listing of the deceased servicemens' names, their rank and branch of the service. It marks the collective grave near the intersection of Jesup and Grant Drives, Section 34, in Arlington National Cemetery. The epitaph above the names reads: Herein Rest Those Who Lost Their Lives In The Sinking of USS Serpens, World War II, Jan. 29, 1945.

The monument was dedicated Nov. 16, 1950, with 300 people attending. VADM Merlin O'Neill, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard at that time, remarked in the dedication address that "we cannot undo the past...but we can insure...that these men shall be respected and honored forever."



Place	Duration	Rate	Quals	Point of Contact
HQ (G-NSR)	4 years EAD	O2-O3	Conference Planning	Mr. Parker, (202) 267-0357
Various Units	6 months -?	E4-E6	QM's only	QMCS Martin, (202) 267-1783
HQ (G-PIM)	273 days	YN1-YN3	Computer/PCs	YNCS Johnson, (202) 267-1623
GRU Honolulu (OPCEN)	360 days	QM1-QM2	SAR Controller	QM3 Lewis, (808) 541-2450
HQ (G-LLA)	9 months plus	E6-O2	Para-Legal/Writing	LT Byrnes, (202) 267-0066
HQ (G-LLA)	9 months plus	E4-E5	Office Skills	LT Byrnes, (202) 267-0066
TRACEN Petaluma	172 days-1 year	01-04	Architect/Civil Engineer/Lawyer	Mr. Ohms, (707) 765-7300
HQ (G-PE) (2 billets)	300 days	E4-E6	YN/Clerical	YNCS Johnson, (202) 267-1623
HQ (G-OLE)	240 days	02-03	Program Manager	CDR Niessen, (202) 267-1775
HQ (G-KSE)	270 days	03-04	Firefighting/Writing	Ms. Edwards, (202) 267-2967
	Th	e following jo	bs may be available	
ATC Mobile	10 months plus	E4-E8	SK AVI Supply	CWO Bosserman, (205) 639-6312
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CG Yard (Baltimore)	6 months	03-04	Naval Engineer (PG Pref.)	LCDR Perkins, (202) 267-0807
VTS Berwick	90 days	E4-E6	VTS Experience (RM,RD,QM,ST)LCDR Funk, (504) 589-4686
2762 LSS, Ft. Worth, Texas	139 days	SK2-SK3	Supply Bkg/Ordering	SK1 Bunker, (817) 763-4507

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